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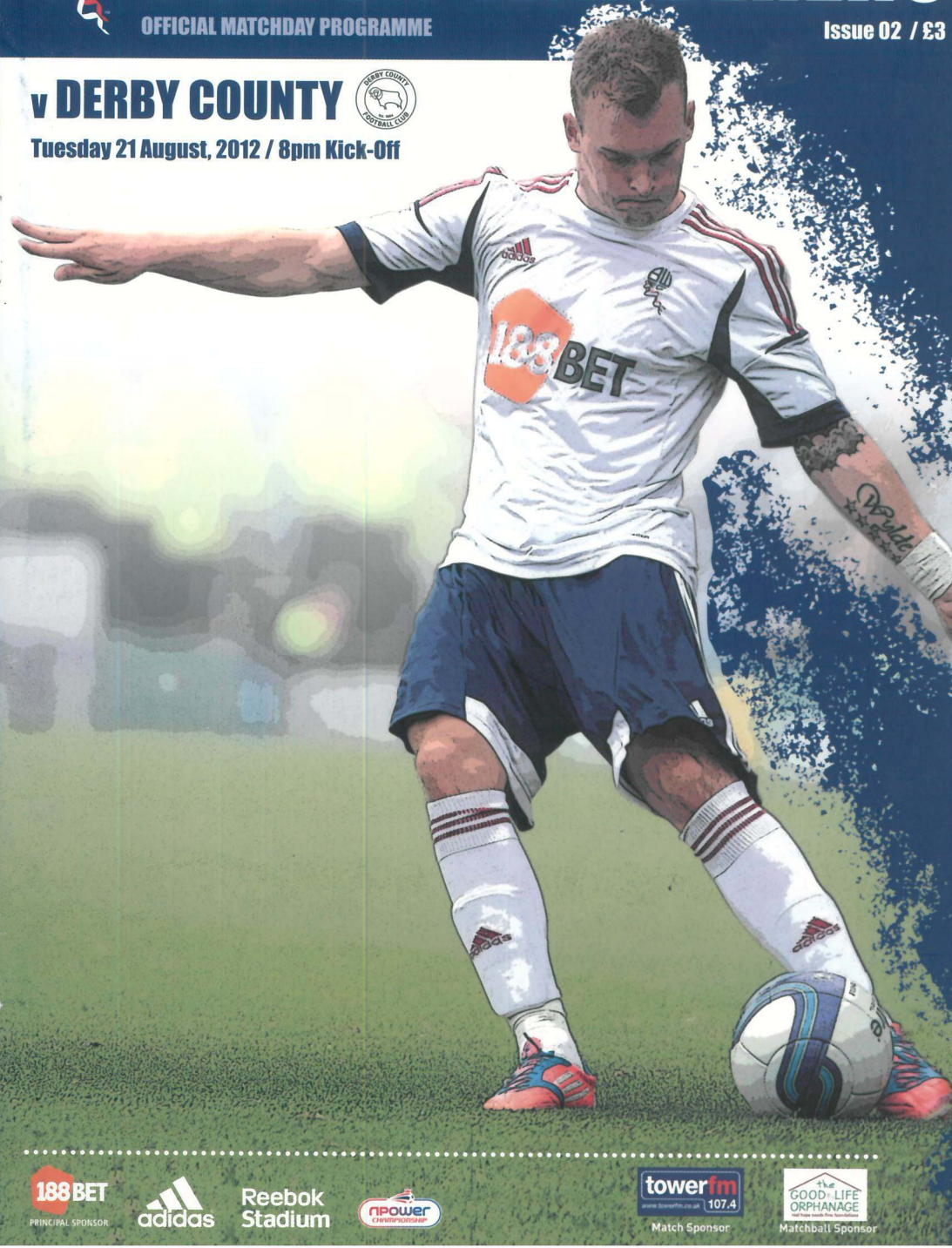
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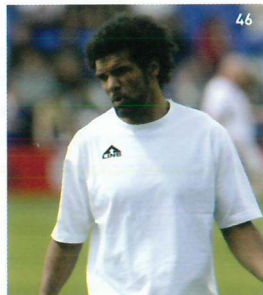


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# OWEN COYLE

**Good evening everyone, including our match sponsors Tower FM, and welcome back for our opening home game of the season.**

Such is the nature of the Championship, tonight's game is our second in the space of three days and one of three over the course of the opening week. That in itself tells you a lot about the demands and what we can expect from this division.

With this in mind, we have made some strong additions to the squad throughout the summer to ensure that there is quality cover in all areas. I have spoken previously about how I would like to have two players for every position and it has been encouraging to see how Matt, Keith, Andy and Benik have all bedded into the squad.

Fitness will be a key factor in coping with the games that come thick and fast and, at the same time, we want to ensure that we play good football, the type that we know we are capable of producing.

Equally, we know the Championship is an unforgiving league and we are fully aware of how challenging it will be. No one at the club is under any illusions - we will have to work hard, dig in and battle to achieve success.

We were disappointed to start the campaign without picking up any points at Burnley. Our support on the day was terrific and we could and should have got the right result.

We know we can do better and Saturday's result emphasised that when you are not playing to your maximum, you will get punished.

In the first half we moved the ball well and could have gone in front. We were unlucky with their opening goal but we know that in the second half we did not do well enough as a group.

We let a good opportunity to pick up points pass us by, so tonight we return to action with a real appetite and a desire to take all three points.

We welcome Nigel Clough and his Derby County team here this evening, knowing that they will provide difficult opposition. They have shown that they know their way around this league and are capable of getting results.

In their opening two matches - versus Scunthorpe United and Sheffield Wednesday - they scored a lot of goals and have played well. We have to make sure we're ready for the challenge they pose, but equally, that we're ready to impose ourselves. If we do that, it's a game I'm convinced we can win.

Last week, Fabrice made the announcement about his retirement from professional football. I think Fabrice, with his family, will now absorb everything that's happened and that will take a bit of time. And then, having done that, he will decide what his career path will be, knowing full well that the football club will support him in whatever choices he makes.

I've no doubt he'll be very successful because we have all seen how driven he is - you only have to look at what he has come through already to grasp that.

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# KEVIN DAVIES

**Saturday was a disappointing way to start the new season and we will be looking for a better performance this evening.**

As for how the game panned out, we had two or three good chances in the first half and if one of those goes in then it could have been different. Burnley scored a goal that looked offside but the disappointing thing was how we responded because we should have come out and had a real go at getting back into the match.

The crowd got behind Burnley, they scored a second and we faced an uphill task from then on. We have to improve quickly because we can't react like we did on Saturday when we do go behind in games.

I know the fans weren't too happy after the game but I'm sure they will come out and support us tonight. We have to put the weekend behind us because there are two massive home games now. It's simple - we have to try and win these matches and get as close to six points as we can.

A positive result this evening and we are off the mark and can push on from there. But one thing is for sure - we have to roll our sleeves up. Our home form was below par last season and that needs to improve if we are to achieve our aim of getting back into the Premier League.

It was a difficult summer because of how last season finished. It was hard to go away and enjoy myself during the break but as soon as training started and the boys got back together, you move on. We've all returned fresh and are ready to get to grips with the demands of the Championship, accepting that we have to do better than we did at the weekend.

Obviously, we will have to play this season without Fabrice, who announced his retirement last week. We'll miss him around the dressing room but he knows that the club and players will always be here, supporting him in whatever he decides to do next.

Fab thought there was a chance he could resume his career but the decision has been made by the experts, and we respect that because the most important issue in all this is to see him right and alive.

I texted him after he made his announcement just to say, look, I believe things happen for a reason in life and that we are all behind him at this difficult time. I also told him that he can take the right steps to go where he wants in his future. He's a sensible and bright lad and I'm sure we will see much more of him around the place.

Enjoy the game,



## CAPTAIN'S NOTES





# PHIL GARTSIDE



**Good evening everyone as we welcome Derby County to the Reebok for the first home fixture of the new Championship season. We hit the ground running with three matches in the opening six days as we will be back here again on Friday for the live Sky match against Nottingham Forest.**

Last week, Owen and I attended the annual Fans' Forum, which followed another successful Family Fun Day on the Sunday, and I'd like to thank all supporters who came down to the Reebok on both these days.

What was clear from both events was the optimism shared by everyone. Once again our supporters have shown their backing to our club, particularly through season ticket sales which currently stands at over 12,000.

Throughout pre-season we had good followings, even for the friendlies which involved long-distance journeys. From Ayr to Portsmouth, Wanderers fans have travelled and that is much appreciated.

There was a much shorter trip on Saturday when we had the Championship opener at Turf Moor, and again the support was there. We sold out our allocation of away tickets in advance of the game and our 3,600 fans got behind the team.

There is just over a week to go until the close of the transfer window and since it opened we have been

pleased with the business we have done. We have supported Owen this summer with the arrivals of Keith, Andy, Matt and Benik, while at the same time we are under absolutely no pressure to sell any of our key players.

That means we are in the process of building a younger squad, sprinkled with first-class experience. Owen wants to play an exciting and successful brand of football and now we are really at a point when we can begin to implement that style.

There is no doubt our aim is to return to the Barclays Premier League, but we are fully aware how challenging the Championship can be, so if we want to achieve that we will have to work hard, both on-and-off the pitch.

Ahead of the new season, Fabrice announced his retirement. Fabrice has shown to the world what we all knew at Bolton Wanderers, that he is a young man of great faith, humility and kindness.

Fabrice knows that he will always have the support of Bolton Wanderers in whatever he wants to do next. A word also about his fiancée, Shauna, who throughout everything has been Fabrice's rock. We wish the family well in the future.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your support over what will be a long - and hopefully enjoyable - season,

*Phil*





# WANDERERS REPRESENTATIVES REACH NATIONAL FINALS



## A team from one of Bolton Wanderers Community Trust programmes qualified for a national final over the summer break.

The Under-16 Kickz squad were runners up at the Kickz Regional Cup, which was held at the Manchester Power League in mid-July.

Battling against sides including Manchester United, Liverpool and Blackburn, the team won seven of their 11 matches - drawing two and losing two. The team scored 32 goals in the process and conceded nine - to take the runners up spot.

This sent them through to the national finals along with regional winners Manchester City. Held in London, here they faced the other winners and runners up from around the country.

On the pitch the finals day didn't go as well as hoped with the team unable to win any of their eight games but did manage to draw against Newcastle United and Arsenal..

Ben Laycock, Kickz project lead, said: "The lads performed really well in the group stages playing as a team and sticking together. They have come a long way from the previous year where we struggled in the same competition.

"They travelled to London to represent themselves, their families as well as Bolton Wanderers Football Club and they should all be very proud of their achievements. They have had a good time and learnt from the whole experience."

Kickz sees Premier League and Football League clubs work with their local Police forces to engage with young people in disadvantaged areas around the country.

Bolton Wanderers Community Trust Kickz project is based at Castle Hill Youth centre on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

The project is designed to reduce juvenile crime by giving young people purpose and pride through football coaching sessions, leadership opportunities and alternative activities, often at times when street crime is high.

To find out more about Kickz please visit [www.bwct.org.uk](http://www.bwct.org.uk)

## BWFCISS MAKE STRIDES IN AMERICA

Representatives from the Bolton Wanderers International Soccer School have recently returned from America where they spent two weeks coaching juniors in Virginia Beach, Destin and Tallahassee.

The first camp in Virginia Beach reached out to dozens of football enthusiasts as BWFCISS Manager Dave Bailey took his team of coaches to work at the Virginia Rush Soccer Club.

Such was the impressive standard of those involved in the week-long coaching programme that four of the players involved have been invited over to England to participate in the BWFCISS's annual Grand Skills Final later in the season.

In the second week, the coaches moved down to Florida to work with players affiliated to clubs in Tallahassee and Destin, and again they were well received in the Sunshine State by all those involved in the course.



The BWFCISS continues to expand and grow, spreading the Wanderers word in all four corners of the world. In 2012, representatives have so far visited, coached and educated people in countries such as Canada, India, Nigeria, South Africa and Colombia.

For more information on the Bolton Wanderers International Soccer School, please visit [www.bwfciss.co.uk](http://www.bwfciss.co.uk)



# FACE IN THE CROWD



After an absence of over 15 years, the popular 'Face In The Crowd' feature returns to the matchday programme for 2012/13.

Each home game a member of the Bolton Wanderers first team squad will pick out a supporter from a random picture. First up was captain Kevin Davies, who selected this bloke from the Family Fun Day a couple of Sundays ago.

If you are this person, you have won a money can't buy prize – a limited edition replica third shirt, kindly donated by the club's kit department. To claim the prize, simply email [rurbanir@bwfc.co.uk](mailto:rurbanir@bwfc.co.uk)

The third strip, which is only available to buy in October, got its first outing in the pre-season victory at Tranmere two weeks ago.

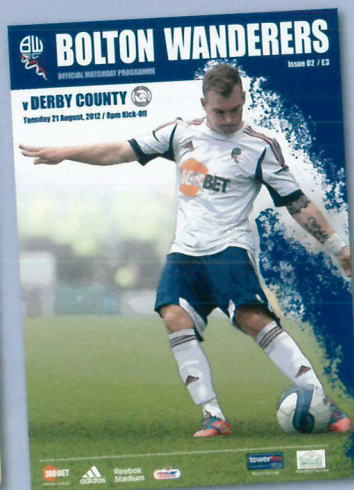


## BACK TO THE FUTURE

The front cover of the Bolton Wanderers matchday programme for 2012/13 has taken some inspiration from almost 65 years ago.

Putting a modern twist on the design from the 1948/49 season, we hope you enjoy reading the new version of the official club publication, which has also seen the page size reduced to a more compact style.

During the 1948/49 campaign, Bolton finished 14th in Division One, beating Derby County 4-0 at home along the way. Let's hope that proves to be a positive omen heading into tonight's game!





# LOCAL CHARITY PARTNERS ANNOUNCED



**Bolton Wanderers are delighted to announce its three local associate charity partners for the 2012/13 season.**

As part of the revised Charity Policy launched this month, the club have committed to work with one national, one local charity, and three local associate charities.

These partnerships are in addition to the on-going support offered to the club's own main charity, the Bolton Wanderers Community Trust.

The select three associate charities are as follows:

**The Lagan's Foundation - [www.lagans.org.uk](http://www.lagans.org.uk)** – Organisation that aims to help families with babies and children up to five-years-old who have been diagnosed with cardiac defects and/or feeding difficulties.

**Birtenshaw - [www.birtenshaw.org.uk](http://www.birtenshaw.org.uk)** – Dedicated to building a brighter future for children with special needs and enhancing the quality of life experience for each child.

**Guide Dogs for the Blind - [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)** – National guide dogs for the blind aim to provide mobility and freedom to thousands of blind and partially sighted people.

Club chaplain Phil Mason, coordinator of the charity committee, said: "It was a very difficult decision to choose our associate charities. There is so much good work going on in Bolton and so many groups that are making a real difference to people's lives.

"We feel the three we have chosen each have a great story and are working hard to touch and change people's lives in so many different ways."

The club will shortly be announcing their national and local charity partners.

## GARRY CUNLIFFE

**All at Bolton Wanderers were saddened to discover that friend of the club, Garry Cunliffe, recently passed away.**



Garry was incredibly proud of his connection to BWFC and honoured to have worked with the club's players, officials and backroom staff.

He was a truly unique man with an unrelenting work ethic and a charming, charismatic personality to match. He was also a man of integrity and tact, values that earned him the trust and respect of various clients, including Bolton Wanderers.

Garry's family, including Kate, Rhian and Matt, would like to offer their sincere thanks and best wishes to all who knew him for the their kindness and support during such a difficult time.

They would also like to wish Bolton Wanderers the very best of luck for the upcoming season in what will hopefully be a successful push for promotion back to where the club belongs. COYWM!

## JOHN GILBERT

**John Gilbert, the Managing Director of Franking Sense, one of the club's associate sponsors, suddenly passed away on August 3.**



John and Franking Sense had a long association with Bolton Wanderers, supporting the club continuously for over ten years.

John's office at work is covered with mementoes and pictures of him meeting current and past players at various events. This is something he was very proud of.

Julian, his son, said his dad's social calendar revolved around the Wanderers on a matchday and then re-watching the match over again on Football First on Sky Sports.

John's favorite times following Bolton were the overseas trips on the European adventures, especially when on the few occasions he travelled with the team on the official club plane.

John will be desperately missed as a father and as the head of the business but Franking Sense will be committed to build on his legacy and continue the great success enjoyed over the last 20 years — just as John would have expected with equal energy, passion and integrity.





GREGG WYLDE





# WANDERERS UNLEASH THEIR WYLDE-CARD

WORDS: ROB URBANI

## BOLTON'S NEW NUMBER 11, GREGG WYLDE, WANTS TO SHOW THE FANS WHAT HE IS ALL ABOUT AFTER WAITING ALMOST FIVE MONTHS FOR THE CHANCE TO MAKE HIS COMPETITIVE DEBUT

Gregg Wylde has been forced to play a waiting game, not that he would have wanted to, however.

Having joined from Rangers in March on a contract until 2015, the Scotland Under-21 international was limited to a watching brief at the start of his Wanderers career as the football authorities delayed his debut until the start of this season.

Now, having channelled his frustrations into his football, the roaming winger is determined to make up for lost time.

**Gregg, you've been here six months but I suppose we can still classify you as a new signing given that we didn't get chance to see you play in a Bolton Wanderers shirt at the end of last season?**

I have to say it's been hard. With each passing match last season I was hoping I would be able to be involved, but it wasn't to be.

When I came down from Scotland, I thought that I would get my clearance straight away. I was training every day because the manager said that the club was

doing everything possible to get it sorted. Obviously it didn't quite happen but that didn't stop me from training hard and making sure I was ready.

It was actually different training down here than it was at Rangers. The sessions are much tougher and at a higher intensity, which I have really enjoyed.

**It must have been so frustrating because when a player signs for a new club, I imagine they just want to get straight out there and show their team-mates and the fans what they can do?**

I signed six or seven weeks before the end of the season. Like I said, it was difficult to start with but when it got round to the last couple of matches, I accepted that I wasn't going to be able to play.

Watching on from the stands I just wanted to be out there, particularly in the game at home against West Brom. It was a frustrating time but I'm looking forward to getting back playing and doing what I enjoy.

I've got the clearance now and I'm ready for the challenge in the Championship where we will be playing against some good teams. ►



**It was March when you joined, but there was a lot of talk 12 months ago that you would be moving to Bolton. Tell us a bit about that.**

In the summer before the last campaign, the manager made an enquiry to Rangers. I think he came in for me twice, but both offers got knocked back.

With what happened at Rangers, the manager obviously came in for me again in March. I couldn't really say no to moving here because he had shown a lot of faith in me. If someone tries to sign you three times, you know that person wants you to play for him and that can only give you confidence.

**Did you have many other options aside from Bolton?**

Yes, I had a few clubs interested. Bolton were the first club that I came to speak to and once I'd met the manager and chairman and had a look around the place, there was nowhere else I wanted to go.

I'd had meetings arranged to go and speak to other clubs but having seen what there is here, with the training ground and the Reebok, my choice was already made.

**What have you made to the lead-up to this season because you have finally had the opportunity to play some matches?**

Some players have left and a few new faces have arrived. There is a positive feeling around the place. All the boys are great and there is a good team spirit.

Before the end of last season, we went away as a squad to Dubai and that was great for me because it gave me the chance to bond with the rest of the team. It was the same this summer too when we headed up to Scotland for a week.

There are a lot of young boys in the team like Joe (Riley), Josh (Vela) and Michael (O'Halloran) and that has helped too. We have a lot in common and are all in the position where we are pushing for a place in the team.

**Indeed, how do you view your battle for a place in the starting line-up on the left side of midfield?**

There is good competition between Martin and me. When I say good competition I mean that because I'm challenging myself against Martin Petrov, someone who is an outstanding professional.

He has played for some of the biggest clubs in Europe, such as Manchester City and Atletico Madrid. You can't also forget that he is an international for Bulgaria with 90 caps to his name.



I can look up to Martin because there are many similarities. He's been really good - he is always speaking to me in training and offering help with bits and bobs, telling me certain areas of my game I should work on.

But there's not just him to look up to. Others like Mark Davies, the skipper and Keith Andrews - altogether there is a good mix of boys here.

**Were you always destined to become a professional footballer, given that your dad was and still is involved in the sport?**

My dad, Gordon, played down here for a number of years at Sheffield United, while back up in Scotland he also represented Kilmarnock and East Stirlingshire.

He was the assistant manager at Clyde last year but he has just stepped down. He likes to help with youth football and he is well-known up in Scotland because he has a reputation for being a good coach.



We have a footballing family and I think my mum gets sick of it sometimes! In all seriousness, my family are proud of what I've done so far and hopefully this year I can make them even prouder.

**Is it easier when you have a dad who has played the game professionally?**

I think it is. I've got him in the background to offer wee tips, but he has always had the philosophy that working hard in training will pay off.

Since I was a young boy, he has helped me, going back to the days when I was at boys clubs. He would always take me out for extra training and even to this day he does the same. In the off-season, he will take me running and keep me in shape.

Sometimes he does my head in but I suppose it's a normal father and son relationship. I'm glad he is there to help me along the way because he wants me to do well, knowing that it will all pay off.

**How do you summarise your time in Scotland because you fulfilled an ambition of playing for the team you grew up supporting, Rangers?**

I've been a Rangers fan since I was a wee boy. My dad was a Rangers supporter so it's in the family.

However, up until when I was 14 I played for Celtic after joining them through their community schools scheme. It was quite hard, but there was lots of banter because a few other boys in the team were Rangers fans too.

People used to laugh whenever we played against Rangers, telling me not to score own goals and give away penalties. But I enjoyed it there and had a good few years before I moved across the border to Rangers.

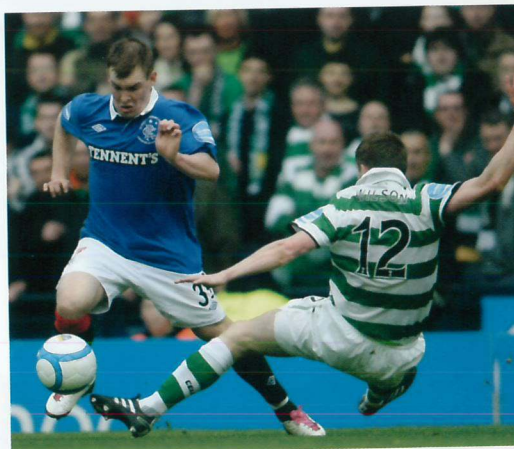
When they came in for me, I initially said no because I enjoyed being at Celtic. But when Rangers came in for me again, I decided to go there.

I broke into their first team when I was 17. I can remember my debut - I came on as a substitute for Kenny Miller in a 4-1 win over Hamilton Academical. I can also recall my first game in the Champions League which was away to Valencia.

Altogether I played about 47 games up there and I'm happy with what I achieved. I won the SPL title and League Cup in my first full season.

**How hard was it playing for one of the Old Firm clubs in a football-mad city? Was it like living in a goldfish bowl?**

Up there it's a small world. You might be out in town and everyone knows who you are. You've got to be prepared for people giving you banter, wherever you might be. It's a lot quieter down here, which I like.



**How do you view the current situation with Rangers? No-one can deny it has been a tremendously difficult 12 months for the club.**

When it was first announced that Rangers had gone into administration, everyone found it difficult. A lot of the squad have now left and the club are bringing in new players. It's a whole different scenario.

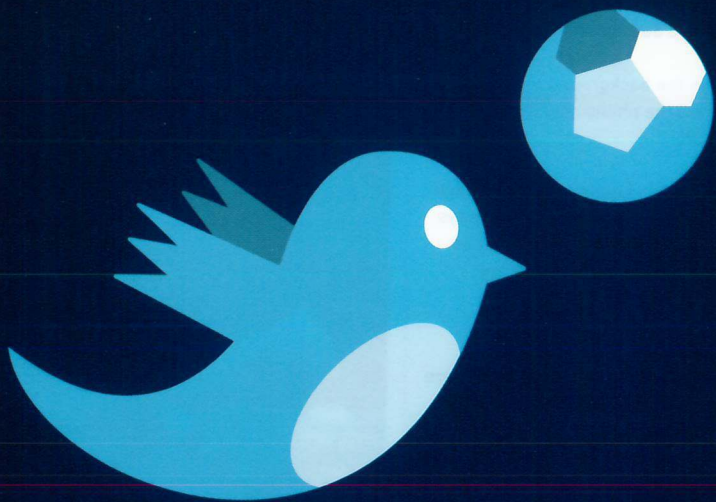
I will always look out for their results and I want to see the club doing well again. Hopefully now their troubles are over and the focus can be on the football again, moving up the leagues and back into the SPL.

**Do you expect Rangers to shoot straight back up through the divisions?**

I think they will. Gretna did it years ago so it shows that it can be done. Within four or five years, I expect Rangers to be back playing Celtic, back winning the SPL title and back in Europe.

From what I gather, the fans are just keen to move on after so much confusion over the last year. They just want to get back to watching their football team and enjoying the matches. I know going to Elgin or Peterhead isn't quite like going to Celtic Park, but it's time to move forward and get on with the football.





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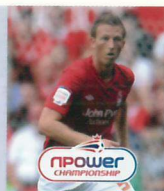


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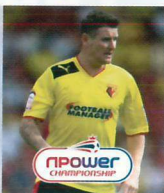


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# TRAVEL INFORMATION



| DATE          | OPPONENTS               | KICK-OFF | PRICE | DEPARTURE TIME | COACH MILES | STICKERS |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------|-------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| TUE 28 AUG 12 | CRAWLEY TOWN            | 7.45PM   | £25   | 12NOON         | 4           |          |
| SAT 1 SEP 12  | HULL CITY               | 3PM      | £17   | 11AM           | 2           |          |
| TUE 18 SEP 12 | BIRMINGHAM CITY         | 7.45PM   | £16   | 4PM            | 2           |          |
| SAT 22 SEP 12 | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY     | 3PM      | £15   | 12NOON         | 2           |          |
| SAT 6 OCT 12  | MILLWALL                | 3PM      | £25   | 8AM            | 4           |          |
| TUE 23 OCT 12 | WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS | 7.45PM   | £16   | 4PM            | 2           |          |
| SAT 27 OCT 12 | MIDDLESBROUGH           | 3PM      | £17   | 11.30AM        | 2           |          |
| SAT 10 NOV 12 | BLACKPOOL               | 3PM      | £10   | 12.30PM        | 1           |          |
| SAT 24 NOV 12 | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION  | 3PM      | £25   | 7.30AM         | 4           |          |
| WED 28 NOV 12 | BLACKBURN ROVERS        | 7.45PM   | £8    | 5.30PM         | 1           |          |
| SAT 8 DEC 12  | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN       | 3PM      | £12   | 12.30PM        | 2           |          |
| SAT 22 DEC 12 | PETERBOROUGH UNITED     | 3PM      | £20   | 9.30AM         | 3           |          |
| TUE 1 JAN 13  | LEEDS UNITED            | 3PM      | £15   | 12NOON         | 2           |          |
| SAT 19 JAN 13 | CRYSTAL PALACE          | 3PM      | £25   | 8AM            | 4           |          |
| SAT 2 FEB 13  | WATFORD                 | 3PM      | £22   | 8.30AM         | 3           |          |
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The Official Travel Club thanks fans for their tremendous support for the opening game of the season against Burnley on Saturday. 14 coaches made the journey to Turf Moor.

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For Crawley, the coaches will be leaving the Reebok Stadium at 12noon and for Hull the departure time will be 11am

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**Having achieved back-to-back promotions in the last two seasons, Crawley Town are currently enjoying a brilliant period in the club's history.**

The Reds earned promotion to the Football League from the Conference National in 2010/11 by winning the division by 15 points from closest rivals AFC Wimbledon. They then followed up on their success immediately and last season pipped Southend United by one point to the third and final automatic promotion place to League One.

In the 2010/11 promotion-winning season Crawley also went on a remarkable run to the fifth round of the FA Cup – where they lost 1-0 to

Manchester United at Old Trafford. Agonisingly, the Reds were denied a draw in the 93rd minute when a Richard Brodie header hit the bar.

Their current manager, Richie Barker, was appointed manager on 7 August 2012, replacing Sean O'Driscoll. Steve Evans had guided the club from the Conference National to the verge of promotion to League One before leaving the club.

O'Driscoll then took charge following his success at Doncaster Rovers. However, two months later he left to take charge at Nottingham Forest and was not in charge for a single match.

#### **A Familiar Face – Mark Connolly**

Mark Connolly signed for League One newcomers Crawley Town in July following his release by Wanderers. The Republic of Ireland under-21 international spent three years with the Trotters from 2009-2012 and was the reserve team captain. The 20-year-old defender also had loan spells at St Johnstone and Macclesfield Town after his transfer from Wolverhampton Wanderers in 2009.



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**Parking:** Admission to the stadium car park is £2. There is an overflow car park in the offices at Broadfield Park, accessible from the A23. Street parking is also available.

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**From The Station:** Crawley Station is just over a mile from the ground. It is around a 20-minute walk and a taxi costs around £6. From the bus station across the road, you can take a Fastway number 10 bus to the ground that runs every 10 minutes.

**Where To Drink:** The bar at the back of the Bruce Winfield Stand called the 'Redz Bar' admits visiting supporters. The Half Moon pub on Brighton Road (A2219) is a five-minute walk away from the stadium going towards the town centre.





# Reebok Stadium CLASSICS

WORDS: MARK HEYS



Derby County have made just three trips to the Reebok since 1997, and one of those meetings will live long in the memory of Bolton fans - a 3-3 draw just four months after the stadium opened.

Tonight, in no particular order, we take a look at ten classic fixtures from the Reebok Stadium's history whereby the Wanderers have overcome adversity to either gain the three points or produce an unexpected result.

## Bolton Wanderers 3 Derby County 3

December 1997

The Rams looked home and dry on their first visit here 15 years ago when Italians Stefano Eranio and Francesco Baiano had given their side a 3-1 advantage deep into the second half.

Alan Thompson's penalty had looked to be a mere consolation for Colin Todd's side but Nathan Blake's header and Jamie Pollock's last goal before moving to Manchester City ensured that Bolton tied the game at 3-3 and had a share of the points in a frantic last 20 minutes.



## Bolton Wanderers 1 Manchester United 0

November 2007

Almost ten years after the comeback against the Rams came a fixture against local rivals Manchester United. United hadn't lost a game at Bolton since December 1978 and had won five of their last eight matches when visiting either the Reebok or Burnden Park.

United were on a three-month unbeaten run, but Gary Megson sent out his Bolton side to be resolute and hard to break down and their efforts were rewarded tenfold when record signing Nicolas Anelka reacted quickest in the area after Reds youngster Gerard Pique had failed to head clear a free-kick.

## Bolton Wanderers 2 Arsenal 0

December 2005

Arsenal rarely relished the prospect of a trip to Bolton and this 2-0 success for Wanderers from seven years ago was the perfect example of why.

Abdoulaye Faye put in a Patrick Vieira style performance in the middle of the park and Arsene Wenger's side found that they could not handle the tenacity of the big Senegal midfielder.

Faye thundered home the opener with a header and Stelios Giannakopoulos completed the scoring when steering home a Kevin Davies cross.

## Bolton Wanderers 5 Newcastle United 1

November 2010

Two of Faye's former clubs came head to head nearly two years ago but once Kevin Nolan handled in his own area on his first return to Bolton there was only ever going to be one winner.

Johan Elmander and Kevin Davies helped themselves to two goals apiece and Lee Chung-Yong also got on the scoresheet on a totally one-sided afternoon.

Elmander was proving a thorn in the Toon Army's side and the frustration of the afternoon boiled over when United's Fabricio Colocchini struck the Swede en-route to goal and earned himself a red card.



## Bolton Wanderers 2 Leicester City 2

December 2001

Sendings off have gone for Wanderers in the most bizarre of circumstances, none more so than in the game against Leicester City 11 years ago when Bolton recovered from two red cards and an own goal to tie the game at 2-2 in injury time



Paul Warhurst and Dean Holdsworth both saw red for tangling with Robbie Savage, and Michael Ricketts diverting the ball into the wrong net did not help matters.

The experienced Brian Deane looked to have handed Leicester the points with a header but Kevin Nolan and Ricketts, this time in the right end, saw Bolton overcome their numerical disadvantage.

## Bolton Wanderers 3 Manchester City 3

December 2009

Bolton haven't always been on the right end of comebacks in thrilling games but have played their part nonetheless. This was evident when big spending Manchester City had to come back three times to salvage a draw against Wanderers.

An exciting end-to-end game saw Ivan Klasnic show his goal poaching instincts with two well taken efforts from close range. Gary Cahill also got on the scoresheet with a fine drive but City responded each time they went behind through Micah Richards and a Carlos Tevez double.

## Bolton Wanderers 5 Stoke City 0

November 2011

Klasnic was on target during last season's 5-0 mauling of Stoke City and it was it was the perfect way for the team to get that FA Cup semi-final defeat against the Potters out of their system.

Youngster Joe Riley made an impressive first full league appearance for Bolton and the striking prowess of Chris Eagles and Klasnic in particular gave Stoke no response.

Kevin Davies put Bolton in front after a quickly taken free-kick had caught Stoke out, Eagles then volleyed goalkeeper Asmir Begovic's loose clearance straight back into the net for two, the third came when Eagles and Mark Davies picked out Klasnic, and goals four and five came in the last 20 minutes with Eagles and Klasnic getting on the scoresheet for a second time.

## Bolton Wanderers 4 Ipswich Town 1

April 2002

The goals in the Stoke rout had been spread across the game but when Ipswich came to town for an all-important bottom of the table clash in 2002 the Wanderers had the game sewn up within 38 minutes.

Fredi Bobic helped himself to a memorable hat-trick and Youri Djorkaeff also scored leaving Wanderers with time and points to spare in their fight against relegation. Ipswich looked disappointed from the side which had qualified for Europe the year before and Bolton took full advantage of the disarray.

## Bolton Wanderers 1 West Ham United 0

April 2003

The following year another foreign important gave Bolton a vital three points when Jay-Jay Okocha took the game against West Ham by the scruff of the neck.

Okocha had been in top-class form and his effort from distance seven minutes before half time proved to be the game's only goal, yet it wasn't the end of the games talking points which rumbled on into injury time and beyond.

Hammers defender Ian Pearce was sent off for tripping Bolton substitute Pierre-Yves Andre in a heated and emotional final few moments.

## Bolton Wanderers 5 Crystal Palace 2

May 1998

Now we end the article as we started it, back during the first season at the Reebok. The home games for 1997/98 came to a close with the biggest result of the campaign against Crystal Palace.



Nathan Blake, Mark Fish and Jimmy Phillips had scored for Bolton within the opening half an hour but Wanderers could not rest on their laurels as Dean Gordon and Marcus Bent had also netted for the Londoners in the early stages.

Alan Thompson scored his final goal at Bolton and Dean Holdsworth wrapped up proceedings as Palace saw Frenchman Valerien Ismael sent off.



# SIMON CHARLTON

EX-WANDERER SIMON CHARLTON LOOKS BACK ON HIS FOOTBALLING JOURNEY, WHICH INCLUDED MAKING HIS INTERNATIONAL DEBUT EARLIER THIS YEAR AT THE TENDER AGE OF 40

WORDS: ASHLEY LAMBELL

There are those players in football who are ever-dependable and who will turn up every week and give their all to the cause, no matter what the circumstances.

Well Simon Charlton fitted all of those descriptions and found a place in the heart of all Bolton Wanderers supporters.

Despite moving to another club, trying his hand at management and even gaining his first international cap at the age of 40, former Wanderers left-back Charlton recalls his days at the Reebok Stadium as the best time of his life.

But it wasn't a club-player relationship that began as lovingly as some might assume as the full-back fought to even gain a place in what was a successful Wanderers side.

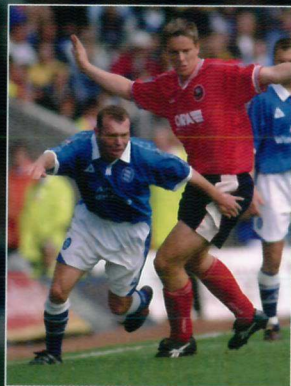
He recalled: "I was at Birmingham at the time and the manager [Trevor Francis] didn't see a future for me at the club so I started looking for others. That was when Sam [Allardyce] gave me a call and said 'Are you coming to join me then or what?'.

"So I went to have a look at the club and the Reebok just sold itself to me as it does to many others. But then when I joined, I found the

manager preferred Robbie Elliott at left-back and I wasn't getting a look-in.



"But midway through the season someone got injured, I made my debut away at Fulham and I didn't miss a game for the rest of the season and we ended up getting promoted at Cardiff, so it was a special time."



Charlton then went on to make 120 appearances for the club during a four-year spell and admits that he made a mistake when he finally left for Norwich in 2004.

"In hindsight, I know that I shouldn't have left Bolton," he admitted. "I was looking for more long-term security than Bolton could offer me but looking back now, I realise I should have stayed. It is one of my main regrets of my footballing career."

And Charlton still maintains that the team he was a part of, which won promotion in 2001, was one of the best sides he has ever played in and that the supporters were equally as impressive.





He said: "We had an amazing squad at that time and we had an underlying 'British' spirit in the squad, even the Scandinavian lads had it!

"The supporters were just an extension of the team - as a club we did not care what people were saying about us, we just got on with the job."

As a mainstay in the Wanderers side, Charlton went on to win the supporters' Player of the Season in 2002 and it still remains as one of the proudest moments of his footballing career.

He explained: "To get the Player of the Year award from the fans was an amazing feeling - I've still got the award on my mantelpiece!

"Before I joined Bolton a few managers elsewhere had said that I was not good enough and that I was not a Premier League player so it felt great to show them that!"

After saying goodbye to the Reebok Stadium in 2004, Charlton went on to make appearances for Norwich and Oldham before retiring from football at the age of 35 and turning to management.

He completed his UEFA A-Licence coaching badge and went on to take charge at non-league side Mildenhall Town but the experience didn't quite turn out as he had planned.

Charlton revealed: "I planned it as my first step on the management ladder and hoped that it would lead to something better further along the line. But sadly things didn't work out and I left after just a year which was a real shame.

"I've since applied for so many other managerial jobs but keep being told that I don't have the knowledge of the leagues, which is ridiculous as how do you get the experience if people won't even give you the chance?"

And it is that frustration that is growing almost by the day as Charlton sees an increasing number of overseas managers enter the English game while he is unable to gain a coaching job. ►





He continued: "It is really disheartening for young English coaches who can't get that first step onto the ladder and then I see people like David Sheepshanks (joint-chairman of the FA) on television saying we need more young home-grown coaches to get involved. It just doesn't make sense to me."

Yet despite the obvious disappointment of not being able to acquire a job in coaching or management, Charlton decided to take matters into his own hands and set up his own coaching company called the Global Soccer Network.

"It was an idea that myself and a few friends from my time at Oldham had," he said. "We decided that we would go abroad and coach football to kids in other countries, but mainly in Africa."

"We teach them how to play, give them some new skills and then if they are talented enough, we pass their details onto clubs in England who might then give them a trial."

"We've recently had an 11-year-old lad from Cyprus who has gone on to have trials for Manchester United so hopefully that proves we are doing something right!"

"It has been so successful that I am in the process of setting up a network in my hometown of Huddersfield."

"I don't understand why English clubs feel they have to look abroad to sign players when we have so many talented young footballers in this country, some of whom have amazing ability."

"If we concentrated on the young players we have then maybe we would produce some great footballers and the national team would do better."

Coaching is playing a massive role in the Yorkshireman's life but by far the surrealist moment of the 40-year-old's life was still to come as in May of this year, Charlton made his international debut by turning out for the Sealand national football team.

"It [Sealand] is just an old oil rig off the coast of Suffolk and one of my old friends suggested I come and play in their international game which was played at Godalming Town," revealed Charlton.



"It was a really weird day and to top it all off I pulled my hamstring and had to go off after just half an hour!"

For Charlton it is all about doing what he knows and enjoys the most as he continues to pass on the skills and knowledge that he acquired over a 21-year career, yet his life would have been different had he not made it as a professional footballer.

He said: "I suppose if I hadn't been a footballer then I would have been working with the fire service. Even from a young age I knew I wouldn't be able to handle an office job because I just love being outside and doing things."





"I don't get up to see the Wanderers as much as I'd like to as I live in Norwich and have a young family so it is difficult. But my wife and I have hopes of moving back to Lancashire at some point so hopefully I can get to the Reebok more in the future.

"I've always thought of myself as an approachable player who has made time for supporters and that's how I believe football players should be as we are so privileged to be in the profession that we are in. I hope the supporters would like to see me if I do manage to visit the Reebok!"

As for the current Wanderers team, Charlton is confident that they can bounce back to the top flight at the first attempt despite it being a tough assignment.

He said: "They obviously have to try and get back to the Premier League as soon as possible, but in Owen Coyle they've got a manager who has been

there and done it in the Championship so I'm sure he will know exactly how he plans to get them back where they belong."

And the former Wanderers Player of the year is not only hoping to see Bolton back in their rightful place but is also planning a possible return to football management if his coaching career continues to progress well.

He said: "Of course, I'd love to get back into management because as an ex-footballer, I always want to be a part of the game. I'm enjoying coaching youngsters at the moment but if the right opportunity comes up then I'd be willing to take it."

It would be fair to say that football has thrown up a varied and distinguished life for Simon Charlton so far but if he did get his second chance in management and make another successful career in the game then no football fan could say that he does not deserve it.





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# FAN PHOTOS

GET YOURSELF IN THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME  
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Whether it's a photo of you sporting your Bolton colours around the world, or you've bumped into a former player on your holidays, make sure you don't miss this opportunity to feature in the club's official publication.

Supporters are able to send their content to the club in two ways – via email, [programme@bwfc.co.uk](mailto:programme@bwfc.co.uk) – or on Twitter, [@OfficialBWFC](https://twitter.com/OfficialBWFC) including #bwfcprog in their message.



Bolton Wanderers fan **Joe Gibbons** went on holiday to Malaga during the summer and whilst he was there, he took in a tour of the club's stadium. Former Wanderer Fernando Hierro is now the Director of Football at the club, so he thought he would have his photo with his shirt that was on show in the dressing room.



**Tez Easdon** has sent in a photograph of his son, **Dane**, having his picture taken with Wanderers captain Super Kevin Davies.



**Sam Button** got in touch, sending across a montage of daughter, **Aimee Skye Button**, age 8, who is a Junior Whites member and loves going to watch the SuperWhite Army play. She also looks forwards to all of the Junior Whites party events!



Twitter user **Tino El Gringo** met fans' favourite Stuart Holden at the Player of the Year awards back in May.



**Jack Moore** proudly sent in a picture of him and Under-18s Assistant Coach Tony Kelly.



**Angie Parmar** had the privilege of meeting the late, great Gary Speed at the Chairman's Ball in 2004.



**Stephanie Brockie** has sent in a photo of her and Gregg Wylde at the Rangers League Winners' Party last year.



And here's another Wanderers fan who got his photo taken with the 2010/11 Player of the Year, Stuart Holden. This time, it's Twitter user **Mr Sparkle** who he describes the all-action midfielder as the 'top man'.





# THE TITLE-WINNING 1977/78 SEASON

WORDS: MARTIN DEAN



**It is 35 years ago this coming season since Bolton Wanderers made their triumphant return to Division One, now known as the Premier League.**

There had been very close calls in the previous two campaigns when the Wanderers missed out on promotion by one point on both occasions - it was real heartbreak as there were no play-offs in those days.

But on this occasion, the third time, they grabbed it with both hands restoring the Wanderers to the First Division after a 14-year absence.

Ian Greaves, Bolton's manager, had players whose talents commanded a First Division platform but he had to ensure they fulfilled their promise at Burnden Park and not elsewhere.

Along with assistant manager George Mulhall, he convinced the big-name stars to stay with the Whites and give it their all for one last go. Bolton Wanderers was and still is a big, happy family football club. The players worked together and played together.

The season started with an opening visit to Turf Moor to play Burnley, and Wanderers came away with a 1-0 victory through a Roy Greaves strike.

Then it was two home wins over Millwall and Sheffield United respectively as the Whites went top and Ian Greaves was named Belts Manager of the Month for August. Neil Whatmore also set the standards for his own season by scoring in both games.

The form continued as after drawing at Hull City 0-0 - one of the few occasions they failed to hit the target - two more wins followed, at home to Oldham and away at Sunderland.

Then came the first defeat away at Crystal Palace and again it left the Burnden faithful wondering if Bolton's traditionally poor London form would again hamper their promotion chances.



***Ian Greaves named Bel's Manager of the Month for August***





**Ian Greaves showing Frank Worthington around Burnden Park**

It was in that week that Ian Greaves made probably his best signing for Bolton Wanderers as Frank Worthington was convinced to try his luck at Bolton. A loan deal was struck for a

month after the flamboyant forward's career had become static at Leicester City. He scored on his debut against Stoke City.

Over October the Wanderers were unbeaten, winning four and then drawing two. After Bolton won at Brighton, Ian Greaves described this period as the best since taking over in 1974 – praise indeed!

Frank Worthington himself admitted that this was the place for him. "As you access Burnden Park from the tunnel you had to make your way up the steps onto the hallowed turf. It was like a theatre, making a grand appearance," he said.

After a Worthington double versus Mansfield Town even the players themselves were knocking on the manager's door wanting Frank to be by their side on a permanent basis. A club record of £90,000 was paid and the rest is history.

The White men had another great month in November as they won three and drew one. A 1-0 win over Bristol Rovers saw Alan Waldron score his last Bolton goal at Eastville. He soon departed for Blackpool, while teammate Steve Taylor moved to Oldham to help balance the club's books.

The game that all Wanderers players and fans alike were waiting for was the visit of Tottenham Hotspur who were in Division Two after their relegation the previous season. It attracted the BBC Match of the Day cameras, particularly as Spurs were neck and neck with the Whites at the top of the table at that point.

The clash was not a classic, too much nervous tension both on and off the field saw to that. As time wore on the game seemed to be heading for a draw but in the 89th minute, up popped captain Roy Greaves to slot home the winner. Greaves, no relation to manager Ian, was a vital cog in the Wanderers midfield. Around Burnden there was a saying, when Roy Greaves has a poor game so do the Whites.

There were a few jitters in December. Six matches were played and three were lost, all on the road at Charlton, Fulham and Millwall – the London jinx struck again.

A super win at Blackpool on the 27 December saw the two W's – Whatmore and Worthington – secure two points in front of 25,000 – there were 15,000 Bolton supporters at Bloomfield Road that day!

Then for the first and only time they lost two successive matches, 1-0 at Millwall and incredibly 2-1 at home to bottom club and rivals Burnley. It was a result that sent a tremor of shock throughout the team and supporters who remembered the slips against inferior opposition in the past seasons.

But this time the Wanderers were made of sterner stuff and that defeat stung them into retaliation at Sheffield United. Bolton won 5-1 with Whatmore and Peter Nicholson hitting goals of pure quality.

As February approached, the fine form continued. There were to be only three losses in the final 18 matches, with points being dropped at just Luton Town, Tranmere Rovers and Cardiff City.

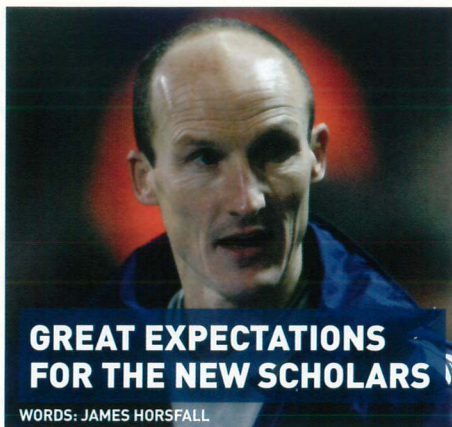
With two games of the season to go, Blackburn Rovers away and Fulham at Burnden was all that was left. One victory would see the Whites up to the First Division and hands on the glittering prize.

Frank Worthington delivered the goods and a 1-0 win over Rovers was enough. 20,000 Wanderers players, staff and supporters partied at Ewood Park. Now, back where the club belonged, a 0-0 draw on the Saturday at home to Fulham was enough to see Bolton Wanderers crowned Second Division Champions.



**Ian Greaves and Frank Worthington celebrating winning the title**





**Wanderers Under-18 coach David Lee feels his side have enjoyed an impressive pre-season and he is very optimistic for the coming season.**

The former winger insists that during 2012/13 some of the older players within his squad should now be pushing towards trying to get into the development squad and playing reserve team football on a regular basis.

"It's not going to happen overnight," he said. "You give them small targets. If they continue to reach those targets, then players eventually warrant a place in the development squad and training with the more experienced players.

"It's then up to them to take the opportunities presented to them and I'm sure a few of them will."

Over the summer, Lee and assistant coach Tony Kelly have inherited this year's intake of the first-year scholarship players. The two have been encouraged with what they have so far seen from the youngsters and expectations are high.

"We had them at under-16 level," Lee explained. "They've all done really well and that's why they've got the scholarships.

"It is a big ask to come in from school and work on a full-time professional basis but all the players have adapted to it really well - their attitude, application and desire is always there.

"It's up to us now to give them that infrastructure - work on their skills and techniques, but also the mental side of football because the demands are very high.

"Yes, we have high expectations of them but we won't rush or force anything. It is a long process and the lads are thoroughly enjoying it."

The young Trotters last month travelled to Northern Ireland to compete in the prestigious Milk Cup - an annual Under-17 tournament that is considered one of the best youth competitions worldwide.

The tournament featured 24 teams from all around the world. Wanderers finished third overall having fallen at the semi-final stage.



Lee added: "We went over there with hopes of getting to the final. Unfortunately we fell at the final hurdle but I learned a lot about the players, individually and as a group.

"Overall it was a pleasing tournament for us. There are some fantastic positives to take from pre-season and from the Milk Cup itself.

"The academy was opened four years ago and we're starting to see the benefits of that now - the conveyor belt is starting to click into gear.

"As one drops off the other end and into first team action there's many more coming through the door and it is very rewarding when you see players coming out at the other end."

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| Sat 18 Aug 2012 | Arsenal          | 11:00 | H     |
| Sat 25 Aug 2012 | Norwich City     | 11:00 | A     |
| Sat 01 Sep 2012 | West Ham United  | 11:00 | H     |
| Sat 15 Sep 2012 | Blackburn Rovers | 11:00 | H     |
| Sat 22 Sep 2012 | Reading          | 11:00 | A     |
| Sat 29 Sep 2012 | Everton          | 11:00 | H     |
| Sat 06 Oct 2012 | West Brom        | 11:00 | A     |
| Sat 20 Oct 2012 | West Ham United  | 11:00 | A     |
| Sat 27 Oct 2012 | Norwich City     | 11:00 | H     |
| Sat 03 Nov 2012 | Arsenal          | 11:00 | A     |
| Sat 10 Nov 2012 | Reading          | 11:00 | H     |
| Sat 17 Nov 2012 | Blackburn Rovers | 11:00 | A     |
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Saturday 1 September 2012

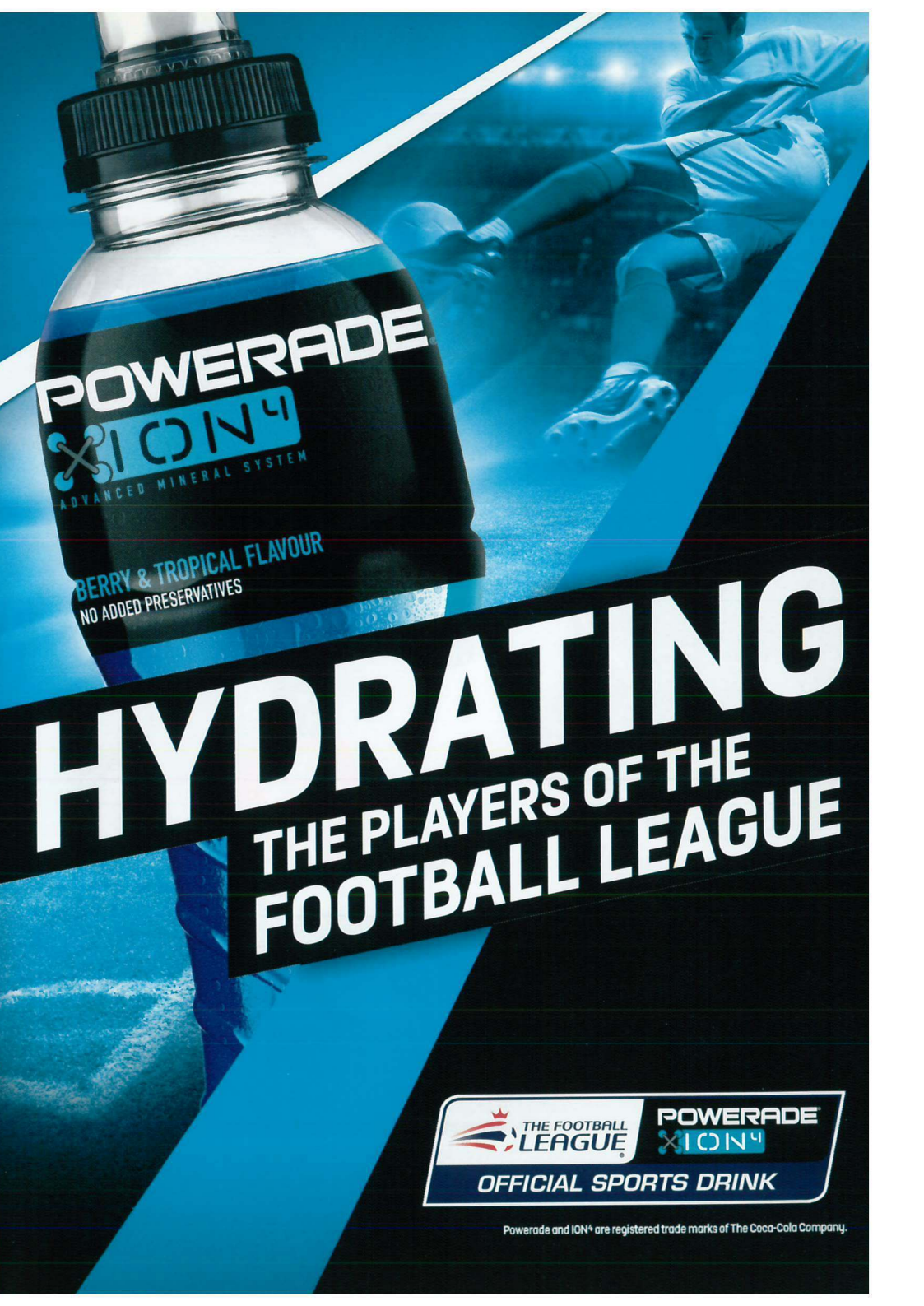


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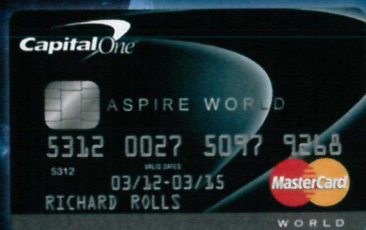






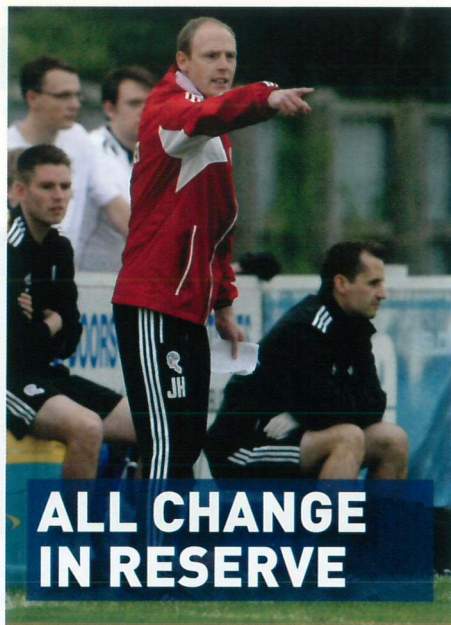


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Heading into the new 2012/13 season, there has been a radical revamp in the structure of football below the senior first team level.

A new Barclays Under-21 Premier League has just been launched which will aim to bridge the gap between youth academies and first teams at England's top clubs.

The new league will be made up of 23 teams – 17 Premier League clubs and six from the Championship whose academies have also been granted category one status – and split into three groups.

As a result, the Bolton Wanderers reserve team has now been rebranded and will now be known as the Development Squad.

Development Coach John Henry has been offering an insight into these significant modifications in the second string setup.

"The changes have been designed to have a bigger impact on the younger players," said Henry.

"One of the biggest alterations is that two matches have to be played at clubs' first team stadiums. As a result, a lot of lads will get the experience of playing in big grounds which can only be a benefit. Previously a lot of fixtures took place at training grounds and it wasn't the same feel.

"Another is that only three players over 21 years old are allowed to be selected in a team. In the past, there have been games where we have taken a young squad to matches and played against a side that had contained six or seven senior players. For example, I think back to our match at Newcastle last season.

"Although the young players will learn from when they come up against more experienced players, sometimes it can be a bit too much for them. But at the same time, if a manager does need to give a couple of senior players matches in the reserves, be it for whatever reason, he has the scope to do that.

"As for the fixtures, they will now fall in line with the Under-16s and the Under-18s. For example, we played Arsenal yesterday and so did our Under-16s and Under-18s at the weekend. We are all playing against the same clubs within the space of a few days – it's a three tier setup.

"The league has been divided up into sections, featuring eight clubs in each. We will play 14 league games up until the start of December and then the leagues split. Clubs will then go into another league for the second half of the season, depending on the position they finished in.

"I don't think the authorities have come up with these changes to get extra people to watch matches because at the end of the day it is always going to be reserve team football.

"It is mainly for the benefit and development of the younger players – there has been a real push on making sure more home-grown players progress through. It's the first season that these changes have been made and it's very much trial and error at this stage."

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| Mon 20 Aug 2012 | Arsenal (Emirates Stadium)            | 19:00 | A     |
| Mon 27 Aug 2012 | Norwich City                          | 14:00 | H     |
| Mon 03 Sep 2012 | West Ham United (Upton Park)          | 19:00 | A     |
| Fri 14 Sep 2012 | Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park)         | 19:00 | A     |
| Mon 24 Sep 2012 | Reading                               | 19:00 | H     |
| Sun 30 Sep 2012 | Everton                               | 13:00 | A     |
| Mon 08 Oct 2012 | West Brom                             | 19:00 | H     |
| Mon 22 Oct 2012 | West Ham United                       | 19:00 | H     |
| Mon 29 Oct 2012 | Norwich City (Norfolk FA)             | 14:00 | A     |
| Mon 05 Nov 2012 | Arsenal                               | 19:00 | H     |
| Mon 12 Nov 2012 | Reading (Reading Training Ground)     | 13:00 | A     |
| Mon 19 Nov 2012 | Blackburn Rovers                      | 19:00 | H     |
| Mon 26 Nov 2012 | Everton                               | 19:00 | H     |
| Mon 03 Dec 2012 | West Brom (West Brom Training Ground) | 14:00 | A     |

## NEXT HOME MATCH

Monday 27 August 2012



**Bolton Wanderers**



**Norwich City**



County Ground, Kick-Off 2pm



# OLUWASANMI ODELUSI

## YOUNG FORWARD AIMS TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOSH VELA AND JOE RILEY

WORDS: EMMA NORRIS

Many players have their parents to thank for encouraging them in the early stages of their careers and for Oluwasanmi Odelusi, this is certainly the case.

Born and raised in the East London borough of Barking and Dagenham, the striker firmly believes that he would not be where he is today without the support of his mother.

"She was really there for me through my younger years, encouraging me to keep working hard," the 19-year-old explained.

"She was thrilled when I finally got scouted and eventually signed for Bolton – she's been there every step of the way."

Prior to joining the club at the age of 16, the youngster enjoyed spells with both Reading and Queens Park Rangers in their youth academies.

When the Wanderers came calling, however, the forward admitted that it was just too big of an opportunity to turn down, but it was definitely a move which took its toll on him.

"When I first came to Bolton, I was tiny in comparison to the other players," Odelusi revealed.

"I made my debut for the academy against Wigan soon after moving here, but I was just a bit overawed by the whole experience to begin with.

"Outside of the game, it was all so different from living down in London so that certainly meant that it took me a bit of time to settle in.

"I was moved into digs, but it was so difficult being so young and not to be seeing my mum every day.

"It was incredibly hard being just 16 and moving so far away from home, but they look after you so well in digs – they give you good food and help you out if you need it, but all the struggles were all worth it when I got that professional contract."



Despite his initial difficulties, Odelusi has gone from strength to strength – the lightning quick forward made a speedy transition from the youth academy to the reserve side where he has featured predominantly for the past two years.

Having become a regular starter for John Henry's second string, the striker admitted just how much his experiences with the reserves have helped his development as a player.

He said: "It's just great to be able to play against big teams like Chelsea and Manchester United – those games are always a fantastic opportunity for me as a young striker to test myself against some of the country's best footballers.

"It's amazing competing with players like that, but hopefully I'll be able to do it for the first team soon."

As for what the future holds, Odelusi is confident that the manager's close relationship with the club's young players will prove to be important for him as he bids to make the step up to the senior squad.

"It's been really encouraging seeing the likes of Joe Riley and Josh Vela breaking through, so I'm hopeful that I can be the next one to do so," he said.

"All I can do is to work hard and get myself noticed with some strong performances in the Development Squad."





## FACTFILE

**Name:** Oluwasanmi Odelusi

**DOB:** 11/06/1993

**Place of Birth:** Barking and Dagenham, East London

**Position:** Striker

**Former Clubs:** Reading, Queens Park Rangers

**Hobbies:** Listening to music, cooking, Facebook & Twitter

**Childhood Hero:** Cristiano Ronaldo

**Childhood Club:** Arsenal and West Ham

**Favourite Current Player:** Emmanuel Adebayor, Cristiano Ronaldo, Jermain Defoe, David Villa







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# DON GOODMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP PREDICTIONS

THE OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME SPEAKS TO WELL-RESPECTED SKY SPORTS PUNDIT AND CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERT DON GOODMAN, WHO HIGHLIGHTS THE CLUBS TO LOOK OUT IN THE RACE FOR PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE THIS SEASON

WORDS: ROSS HEPPENSTALL

**Don Goodman is struggling. He is attempting to make some sort of sense of the race for promotion from the Championship this season.**

"I get asked this every year and normally I can pick out a couple of teams who I know are going to be up there," says the former striker, who enjoyed a fine career which included stints at 11 clubs.

"But you try and do that this year and I think it's harder than ever before. Normally, you would expect teams who have just been relegated from the Premier League to have a bit of a challenge if they can keep large parts of their squad together or if they can add a bit of quality. But it's by no means a foregone conclusion."

As a renowned expert on the division having worked as a Sky pundit for the past six seasons, if anyone should be able to make bold predictions it is Goodman.

The articulate, eloquent and amiable 46-year-old sees the undeniable quality here at the Reebok Stadium with the squad that Owen Coyle has assembled in the wake of relegation.



He also acknowledges the threat of Blackburn and Wolves following their own demotion from the Barclays Premier League. But he feels that Neil Warnock's Leeds can never be written off and that teams such as Cardiff will again pose a strong challenge.

Goodman explains: "I think West Ham were only something like the 16th out of the last 58 to bounce back at the first attempt, so that's the challenge facing Bolton, Blackburn and Wolves. It's not going to be easy and between them I think they've got a lot of players who are more used to playing in the Premier League than the Championship.

"Having said that, Bolton have got Owen Coyle who has enjoyed great success in the Championship in getting Burnley promoted. You've got Steve Kean (right) at Blackburn who was an assistant to Chris Coleman at Coventry when they were in the Championship."



Wolves appointed Stale Solbakken (right) as their new manager during the summer following their exit from the top flight. The Norwegian, who was sacked by Cologne in April, played for Wimbledon during the 1997/98 season.



Goodman says: "At Wolves you've got a bit of an unknown quantity in their new manager Stale Solbakken, a guy who has got a track record in

Norway but with the guys who really count for anything from the here and now.

"Also, promoted sides from the good recent history of being look at Norwich two years ago, Southampton last year. Brighton all done well the season after League One."

Born in Leeds, Goodman played for starting with Bradford City he moved to then Sunderland and Wolves. After finishing Molineux in 1998, the fast and fearless striker to Japan to play for Sanfrecce Hiroshima, returning after just ten games to play for Barnsley (loan), Motherwell, Walsall, Exeter City, Doncaster Rovers (loan) and finally Stafford Rangers.

He enjoys his media work and believes the sides have come up from League One could also represent a threat this season.

He says: "I look at Charlton, Sheffield Wednesday and Huddersfield, the three promoted clubs. Normally those clubs bring a bit of positive momentum. If any of those clubs get off to a good start there is no question they will be inspired by what Norwich and Southampton have done in the past couple of seasons.



"There are a cluster of clubs that you expect to do a bit better than they did last year, such as Nottingham Forest. They've got a good manager and they're going to be backed by wealthy owners so you would expect them to do a lot better. Whether that's going to be enough to see them in the promotion places is difficult to say." ►



ster City underachieved last season and Cardiff fell short in the play-offs again but Goodman reckons both clubs will be among the leading contenders this time around.

He adds: "Leicester City were last season's biggest spenders, so you would expect them to do better. Cardiff seem to have a bit of money behind them as well and they've been there or thereabouts in the past few seasons, so you can never write them off."

Goodman – who never played in the top flight during his long and successful career – is also a confirmed admirer of Leeds boss Warnock (right). The veteran Yorkshireman is aiming for a record-breaking eighth promotion at Elland Road this season. Warnock, Graham Taylor and Dave Bassett all have seven promotions on their CVs but the record books could be rewritten this season if Leeds go up.



Goodman says: "The one person – rather than club – who I've learnt to never ever write off in the Championship is Neil Warnock. I don't think QPR were mentioned in this kind of interview a couple of seasons ago and of course they absolutely stormed it under Warnock."

"That was a valuable lesson learned for me and I should have known better really. Warnock's record of getting clubs promoted is outrageously good really, so I would expect Leeds to be up there challenging. I'm liking the look of some of the signings that they're making."

Yet Goodman, having assessed the top sides, is still none the wiser about who he feels will

actually win promotion to the promised land of the Premier League. This is despite his wealth of knowledge about the division and all the key protagonists.

He says: "Ask me to pick a top two and I couldn't even begin to know where to start but all those clubs I've mentioned should be in and around the top six. If you get in the top six then I don't think you will be a million miles away from the two automatic places."

"There's such an even look about the clubs in the division and I think this season is going to be tighter than ever before. The Championship can make you look very silly when you're trying to predict. I don't expect it to be anything other than a rollercoaster."

That the Championship has grown in stature and appeal in recent years is undeniable. It is the fourth most watched league in Europe, with more than 9.9million fans going to games last season, an average of 18,568. Only Germany's Bundesliga (13.9m), the Premier League (13.1m) and Spain's La Liga (11.5m) attracted more spectators.

"There are some big, big clubs in there and there will be some big crowds with big occasions," says Goodman.

"I've worked on the Championship now for the last six years as a pundit and what I love about it is that every week I turn up to matches and I can't say with any certainty who's going to win. And I love that."

"There are occasions in Spain or in our Premier League where you know who's going to win in all reality. But in the Championship, while one of the teams may be the favourite, you wouldn't put your house on them winning."

"I've seen the bottom team beat the top team and it's a very difficult league. It's a marathon, it's 46 games, and you need a depth and a quality to your squad. You need to be well organised and disciplined and you need to be able to score goals."



"Whoever goes up certainly deserves it over the course of the season. I guess you'd say the same about any league but it's a monster season with a lot of football to be played and a lot of twists and turns.



*Goodman on the gantry*

"I think I've covered the last six Championship play-off finals, the first one being when West Brom lost 1-0 to Derby in 2007. I remember reading six years ago that the game was worth £60million but now they're talking about £90m to £100million. It's worth a small fortune and the stakes have never been higher. It's so lucrative if you can make it work and I think that's why clubs maybe do have a little gamble on getting promoted.

"I respect the way two of my former clubs, Wolves and West Brom, have gone about their business in terms of conducting their business prudently. They won't bankrupt the club chasing the dream and eventually I think West Brom can now be a Premier League club for many, many years to come."

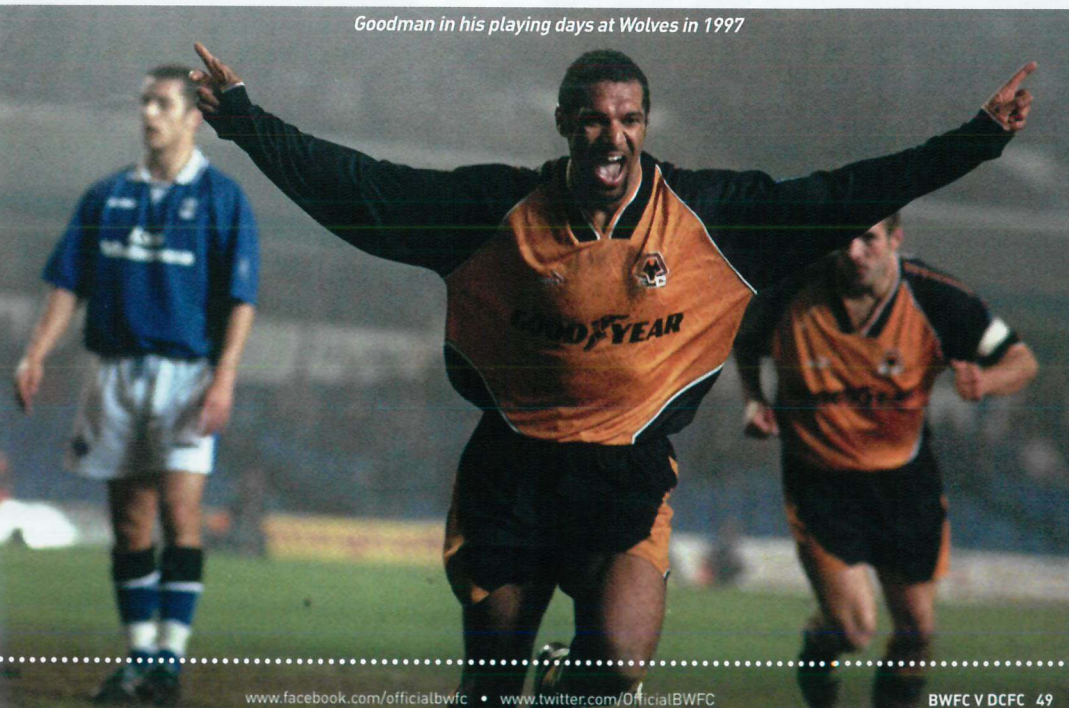
Goodman's main work commitments are his contract with Sky but he also has his own business interests too. He is clearly a lover of the football game and says he could not be happier to be covering the Championship again for Sky this season.

He says: "In terms of television, it's only Sky that I work for and I've been on a contract with them for the last five seasons. I'm thrilled and honoured to do that because I absolutely love it.

"I do own a health and fitness company but it's run in the main by my business partner. I only need to do a little bit of administration and go to one or two meetings every now and then.

"In essence you could say my full-time job is working for Sky Sports and, like I say, I absolutely love it. I think we're in for another treat this season."

*Goodman in his playing days at Wolves in 1997*







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## DERBY COUNTY

**Founded:** 1884**Nickname:** The Rams**Stadium:** Pride Park (Capacity 33,597)**Manager:** Nigel Clough**Record Signing:** Robert Earnshaw (£3.5 million from Norwich City in 2007)**HONOURS:****English Top Division:**

Champions: 1972, 1975; Runners-up: 1896, 1930, 1936

**Championship (Old Second Division)**

Champions: 1912, 1915, 1969, 1987; Runners-up: 1926, 1996; Play-offs Winners: 2007

**League One (Old Third Division)**

Champions: 1957; Runners-up: 1956

**FA Cup**

Winners: 1946; Runners-up: 1898, 1899, 1903

**FA Charity Shield**

Winners: 1975

**OPPOSITION SUMMARY**

After starting the 2011/12 season with four wins out of four, the club's best start to a season for 106 years, a run of five consecutive defeats in November saw Nigel Clough's side drop off the pace during the core of the campaign. The Rams eventually finished in 12th place in the Championship table.

The Pride Park outfit will be hoping for a more consistent season this time round to allow a better chance of a top six finish and possible promotion to the Premier League.

**SPY IN THE CAMP**

**Franca Hood, a commentator on the Super Rams website, is confident that Nigel Clough can guide Derby to a top six finish.**



She said: "Derby have progressed over the last couple of seasons and I hope that with the new players that have been brought in we will make a bid for promotion.

"Jamie Ward is a great little striker and we bought defender Richard Keogh from Coventry during the close season and I believe they will be key players for us this season.

"The expectation and aim should be to make the play-offs. We have a strong enough side and phenomenal support, with an average gate of 26,000 at Pride Park, to hold our own in the Premier League.

"I thought Bolton were very unlucky to get relegated last season. I'm sure that with Owen Coyle in charge, they will be a well organised and committed side.

"I think that Derby will be right up for the game, and will want to prove themselves against Bolton this evening."





## THE MANAGER

### Nigel Clough

**Born:** Sunderland, England

**Date of Birth:** 09/03/1966 (Age 46)

The son of one of the finest ever English managers in Brian Clough, Nigel has been in charge of The Rams since January 2009.

He enjoyed a long playing career after making over 300 appearances for Nottingham Forest, scoring over 100 goals in the process.

The attacking midfielder also had spells with Liverpool and Manchester City before being loaned out to Forest and Sheffield Wednesday.

Clough became a player-manager at Burton Albion in 1998, the club where he eventually ended his playing career in 2006. He continued to manage the club until his move to Derby in 2009. Last season's 12th-place finish was the club's highest in four years since their relegation from the Premier League in 2008.

## THE CAPTAIN

### Richard Keogh

**Born:** Harlow, England

**Date of Birth:** 11/08/1986

**Position:** Defender

**Signed From:** Coventry City (£1million in July 2012)



A summer signing from Coventry City, Keogh was immediately appointed as club captain after former skipper Shaun Barker was ruled out for over a year after suffering a horrific knee injury in March.

The 25-year-old centre-back was named Player of the Year in his last two seasons with the Sky Blues and has made eight appearances for the Republic of Ireland's Under-21 side.

Keogh's career truly kicked off at Bristol City where he was voted the club's Young Player of the Year in 2006 but he was loaned out on four occasions during his time with The Robins before signing for Carlisle United in 2008.

The 6ft 2in defender won the club's Player of the Year award for the 2009/10 season whilst at Brunton Park, prompting Coventry to sign the impressive centre-back.

## THE ONE TO WATCH

### Theo Robinson

**Born:** Birmingham, England

**Date of Birth:** 22/01/1989

**Position:** Striker

**Signed From:** Millwall (Free transfer in July 2011)



After finishing as Derby County's joint top scorer with a total of 12 goals in the 2011/12 season, Theo Robinson has quickly become one of Nigel Clough's key assets.

At only 5ft 9in, the 23-year-old striker would not appear to intimidate opposition defenders but his lightning pace is a vital asset as he earned himself a regular place on Derby's teamsheet after an impressive loan spell at the club, prior to signing on a full-time basis in 2011.

Clough will be hoping that the youngster can have another impressive season and lead from the front for The Rams and add to his tally of ten league goals from last season.



# PLAYER PROFILES



### Frank Fielding

**Nationality:** English

**Date of Birth:** 04/04/1988

**Position:** Goalkeeper

Former England Under-21 international Frank Fielding signed from Blackburn Rovers in May 2011 after having two impressive loan spells at Pride Park. The highly rated goalkeeper was called up to Fabio Capello's England squad in August 2011 for their Euro 2012 qualifiers against Wales and Bulgaria.



### Jake Buxton

**Nationality:** English

**Date of Birth:** 04/03/1985

**Position:** Defender

Centre-back Jake Buxton followed manager Nigel Clough from Burton Albion to Derby County in the summer of 2009. The 27-year-old defender is likely to have a bigger role at the heart of The Rams' defence this season after former captain Shaun Barker was ruled out for a lengthy period after suffering a knee injury last season.



### John Brayford

**Nationality:** English

**Date of Birth:** 29/12/1987

**Position:** Defender

Signed from Crewe Alexandra in May 2010, the 24-year-old defender has been a regular in Nigel Clough's side in the last two seasons. The defender, who was named in the PFA Football League Two Team of the Season in 2009/10 whilst at Crewe, made 59 consecutive appearances at the beginning of his career with The Rams.



### Craig Byson

**Nationality:** Scottish

**Date of Birth:** 06/11/1986

**Position:** Midfielder

An energetic box-to-box midfielder, Byson was signed by Derby County from Kilmarnock in 2011 and the Scotsman enjoyed a very successful debut season at Pride Park. His efforts were rewarded and he was the winner of both the Club Player of the Year and the Supporters' Player of the Year awards.



### Gareth Roberts

**Nationality:** Welsh

**Date of Birth:** 06/02/1978

**Position:** Defender

A former trainee at Liverpool, Gareth Roberts has enjoyed spells with Panionios, Doncaster Rovers and Tranmere Rovers before joining the Pride Park outfit in 2010. The 34-year-old has nine caps for Wales, the last of which came against Slovenia in 2005.



### Paul Coutts

**Nationality:** Scottish

**Date of Birth:** 22/07/1988

**Position:** Midfielder

Signed from Preston North End in the summer transfer window, Coutts will be in his debut season for Nigel Clough's side. Despite being only 24 years of age, Coutts has a good knowledge of the Football League after spending two seasons with Peterborough United and North End prior to signing for The Rams.





## Jeff Hendrick

**Nationality:** Irish

**Date of Birth:** 31/01/1992

**Position:** Midfielder

At only 20 years of age, Republic of Ireland Under-21 international Hendrick is already becoming a favourite with the Derby faithful after scoring his first goal for the club in a 2-1 win against local rivals Nottingham Forest. The midfielder is likely to play a bigger role for the club in the 2012/13 season after impressing throughout last year's campaign.



## Michael Jacobs

**Nationality:** English

**Date of Birth:** 04/11/1991

**Position:** Midfielder

Signed from Northampton Town in June this year, Michael Jacobs is a highly rated youngster with a promising future ahead of him. The 21-year-old scored 15 goals and made over 100 appearances for Northampton prior to signing for The Rams in the summer transfer window.



## Nathan Tyson

**Nationality:** English

**Date of Birth:** 04/05/1982

**Position:** Striker

Former Nottingham Forest frontman Nathan Tyson endured a difficult debut season for The Rams after signing from Forest in June 2011. The striker struggled with injury at the beginning of his career with Derby and failed to score throughout the season but his records with Forest and Wycombe Wanderers prove that when fully fit he will be a great asset for Nigel Clough.



## Ben Davies

**Nationality:** English

**Date of Birth:** 27/05/1981

**Position:** Midfielder

A long-term target of Nigel Clough, Ben Davies caught the eye of several managers after starring for Notts County as they won the League Two title in 2009/10. His first goal for The Rams, a superb volley against Leeds United in April 2011, was voted as Derby County's Goal of the Season two years ago.



## Jamie Ward

**Nationality:** Northern Irish

**Date of Birth:** 12/05/1986

**Position:** Striker

Born in Solihull, England, Jamie Ward represents Northern Ireland at international level after qualifying to play for the side through his grandfather. The striker impressed on a loan spell from Sheffield United in 2010/11 as he scored five goals in 13 appearances before signing permanently in May 2011.



## Steve Davies

**Nationality:** English

**Date of Birth:** 29/12/1987

**Position:** Striker

Born in Liverpool, Davies started his career with Tranmere Rovers before moving to Derby in 2008. The striker's career with The Rams has been hampered by injuries but despite making only 26 league appearances last season, Davies found the net on 12 occasions making him the club's joint topscorer for the 2011/12 campaign along with Theo Robinson.



# TEN-YEAR HISTORY

## 2002/03

The Rams were expected to finish high in the table after relegation from the Premier League but a disappointing campaign saw manager John Gregory replaced by George Burley.

**League Position: 18th**

## 2004/05

Derby narrowly missed out on promotion back to the Premier League after losing 2-0 on aggregate to Preston North End in the play-off semi-finals.



**League Position: 4th**

## 2006/07

The Rams gained promotion back to the top-flight of English football under Billy Davies after beating West Brom 1-0 in the play-off final.

**League Position: 3rd**



## 2008/09

A season remembered for impressive cup runs as Derby reached the fifth round of the FA Cup and the semi-finals of the League Cup where they were beaten by eventual winners Manchester United. Nigel Clough took over the managerial reins in January.



**League Position: 18th**

## 2010/11

Yet another frustrating campaign for the County faithful as the club finished with only 49 points in Nigel Clough's second full season in charge at Pride Park.

**League Position: 19th**

## 2003/04

George Burley's first full season in charge was not a memorable one as the club finished in 20th place, only one point off the relegation zone.

**League Position: 20th**

## 2005/06

Another managerial change saw Terry Westley replace Phil Brown in January as the side slumped to another low finish in the league table.

**League Position: 20th**



## 2007/08

The club set records of the wrong kind as they finished with only one win in 38 league matches and ended the campaign with a record low of 11 points.

**League Position: 20th**

## 2009/10

In his first full season in charge, Nigel Clough guided The Rams to a mid-table finish after an inconsistent campaign left them off the pace of the play-off spots.

**League Position: 14th**

## 2011/12

The Rams secured a top-half finish after recording their greatest start to a league campaign in 106 years but failed to keep up their strong start and slipped down the Championship table.

**League Position: 12th**



# CLUB LEGENDS



## Steve Bloomer

(1892-1906 & 1910-1914)

**Nationality:** English

**Date of Birth:** 20/01/1874

**Position:** Centre Forward



In 2009, Steve Bloomer was named in the club's all-time XI by the Derby supporters.

Bloomer also had a spell with Middlesbrough where again he was a major success but he will always be remembered as a cult hero with the Derby faithful after scoring nearly 300 goals in less than 500 appearances.

## Archie Gemmill

(1970- 1977 & 1982- 1984)

**Nationality:** Scottish

**Date of Birth:** 24/03/1947

**Position:** Midfielder



The Scotsman that famously scored against the Netherlands in the 1978 World Cup, Archie Gemmill made over 300 appearances for The Rams in two separate spells with the club. Gemmill helped the club to win First Division titles in 1972 and 1975 as well as the Charity Shield in 1975.

## Alan Durban

(1963-1973)

**Nationality:** Welsh

**Date of Birth:** 07/07/1941

**Position:** Midfielder



Born in Port Talbot, Alan Durban started his career with Cardiff City before making the switch to The Rams where he scored 93 goals in 346 appearances for the club. The central midfielder was named in the club's greatest ever XI in 2009 and will go down as one of the best Derby players in his generation.

## THE LAST MEETING

**Date:** 02/01/2008

**Result:** Bolton Wanderers 1-0 Derby County

**Venue:** Reebok Stadium

Today's meeting will be the first between the clubs since the 2007/08 season where Bolton came out on top with a 1-0 win at the Reebok Stadium thanks to Stelios Giannakopoulos' last-minute strike.

Both sides had chances throughout the game and the travelling side could have left the North West with a share of the points when Kenny Miller was played through in the dying moments of the game but Jussi Jaaskelainen was equal to the shot.

The result was a harsh one on The Rams after they battled throughout the match but the win ensured that Bolton started the New Year in the best possible fashion while Pride Park club remained at the foot of the Premier League table.





# KEVIN POOLE

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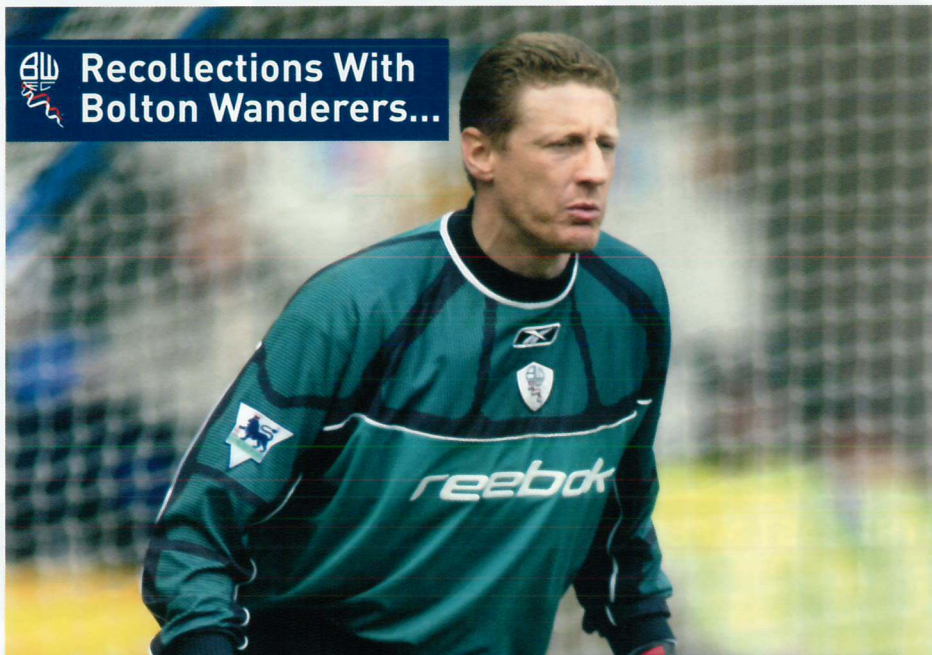
In the first edition of 'A Foot in Both Camps' for the 2012/13 season, the official matchday programme looks at goalkeeper Kevin Poole, who spent four seasons at the Reebok between 2001 and 2005 before signing for today's opponents, Derby County.

Poole enjoyed an incredibly lengthy playing career that lasted over 30 years, having started out in the academy of the club he supported as a boy – Aston Villa – in 1981.

He left Villa Park in 1987, moving onto Middlesbrough and then Leicester City where he made nearly 200 appearances. He stayed in the Midlands when he signed for Birmingham City at the start of the 1997/98 campaign which preceded his time as a Wanderer.



## Recollections With Bolton Wanderers...



Sam Allardyce brought Poole to the club in October 2001 to add experience to a group of players which was making its first forays into life as a Premier League side. Although he was signed predominantly as back-up to Jussi Jaaskelainen and played just 16 games in that time, he was glad to be part of such a buzzing dressing room.

Poole said: "I joined knowing that I was going to be second choice to Jussi Jaaskelainen. Sam made that clear when I first joined, but I had a great time at Bolton and there was a great team spirit within the club. I think that that spirit could be seen in a lot of the performances that the team put in during that time.

"Working alongside Jussi on a day-to-day basis was great because he was such a great trainer. He was always working so hard and I think his dedication on the training ground was what made him the keeper he was. He was incredibly consistent - he had a cool head and if he did make a mistake he never let it bother him and just made sure that whatever he did wrong would put right next time.

"After I left Bolton in the summer of 2005 I was without a club. I knew Phil Brown through my time at Bolton and when he got the job at Derby and he gave me a call to see if I wanted to go down and join up with him and be his goalkeeper coach."





## Recollections With Derby County...

**Although Poole was able to add to his overall tally of career appearances whilst at Derby, the majority of his responsibilities was to work as a coach. This represented his first senior coaching job and although it was different situation for him to be in, Poole recalls how the good standard of goalkeepers he was working with made it an enjoyable experience.**

anything happened and I did manage to get a handful of games in for Derby as a result of injuries.

"It was great working with the first team keepers and at the time Derby had two good young keepers there – Lee Camp and Lee Grant – who had both been involved in the England Under-21 setup.

"It wasn't a strange relationship because it was made clear to me that I was joining the club as a goalkeeping coach and I knew that I wasn't really going to play unless something bad happened. In my mind I was always at Derby as a coach, rather than a player. I got on well with the two lads so the situation worked quite well.

"Unfortunately Phil got the sack after about six months and so in January/ February time he left. Obviously for that to have happened the performances can't have been great and the club was on a bit of a downer really.

"After Phil left, Terry Westley was put in caretaker charge until the end of the season and we just managed to stay up that year. Then after that Billy Davies was appointed manager and he brought in all his own staff with him which meant that I ended up leaving the club after just the one season."

He said: "Whilst I was still at Bolton I was doing some coaching work at Birmingham's academy in the evenings so that was my first taste of coaching but the work I did at Derby was the first time that I was instructing senior pros, and I really enjoyed it.

"I was brought in predominantly as a coach but I was also registered to play as third choice goalkeeper in case



## The Present Day...

**By the time he departed Derby, Poole had just turned 43, so he would have been forgiven for thinking his playing days were over. But after receiving an SOS call from Burton Albion manager Nigel Clough – who was in desperate need of a goalkeeper going into the 2006/07 season – Poole agreed to join the Brewers, where he remains to the present day.**

He said: "After I left Derby, similar to the situation when I left Bolton, I hadn't got a club anywhere and the only thing I was doing was the work at Birmingham with the kids. Then out of the blue I got a call from Nigel Clough at Burton who were struggling for a goalkeeper and the season was just about to start and so I was asked if I'd help them out.

"I didn't really know what to expect from the Conference because I'd never played in non-league before, but I was quite surprised by the standard. There were a lot of good teams who played some very good football and there wasn't too much difference between that standard and League Two.

"I went and played just a couple of games for them and did okay in those matches. Nigel asked if I'd stay for a month, one month became six, six months became a year and I'm still here now, although I officially retired from playing at the end of last season.

"I always just kept saying, 'I'll see how I feel at the end of the season' and if I made it to the end of the season and I



still felt as though I was in good enough shape to carry on or then I'd go again. I assessed it each year and each year I felt okay, although at the end of last season my body really started to tell me that it was time to call it a day and so that's why I eventually packed it in.

"Now I'm coaching at Burton. To be honest it was a little bit strange being back on the training ground for pre-season but not being involved in the playing side of things, but I'm getting used to it now and enjoying the role.

"I did have a brief experience of management towards the end of last season alongside Gary Rowett who's got the job full-time now after Paul Peschisolidi left. I enjoyed that but I'm a goalkeeper through and through and I love working with other goalkeepers and I'm more than happy to keep doing what I'm doing at the moment."





## 2012/2013

| DATE                  | KO    | V | OPPONENTS                      | ATTEN  | F | A | STARTING XI |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
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| <b>AUGUST 2012</b>    |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 18                | 15:00 | A | BURNLEY                        | 18,407 | 0 | 2 | BOGDAN      | MEARS | KNIGHT | REAM | RICKETTS | C.Y.LEE |  |  |
| TUE 21                | 20:00 | H | DERBY COUNTY                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| FRI 24                | 19:45 | H | NOTTINGHAM FOREST              |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 28                | 19:45 | A | CRAWLEY TOWN CAP CUP R2        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2012</b> |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 1                 | 15:00 | A | HULL CITY                      |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 15                | 15:00 | H | WATFORD                        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 18                | 19:45 | A | BIRMINGHAM CITY                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 22                | 15:00 | A | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY            |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| WED 26                |       |   | CAPITAL ONE CUP ROUND THREE    |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 29                | 15:00 | H | CRYSTAL PALACE                 |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>OCTOBER 2012</b>   |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 2                 | 20:00 | H | LEEDS UNITED                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 6                 | 15:00 | A | MILLWALL                       |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 20                | 15:00 | H | BRISTOL CITY                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 23                | 19:45 | A | WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 27                | 15:00 | A | MIDDLESBROUGH                  |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| WED 31                |       |   | CAPITAL ONE CUP ROUND FOUR     |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2012</b>  |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 3                 | 15:00 | H | CARDIFF CITY                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 6                 | 20:00 | H | LEICESTER CITY                 |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 10                | 15:00 | A | BLACKPOOL                      |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 17                | 15:00 | H | BARNLEY                        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 24                | 15:00 | A | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION         |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| WED 28                | 19:45 | A | BLACKBURN ROVERS               |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>DECEMBER 2012</b>  |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 1                 | 15:00 | H | IPSWICH TOWN                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 8                 | 15:00 | A | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN              |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| WED 12                |       |   | CAPITAL ONE CUP ROUND FIVE     |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 15                | 15:00 | H | CHARLTON ATHLETIC              |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 22                | 15:00 | A | PETERBOROUGH UNITED            |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| WED 26                | 15:00 | H | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY            |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 29                | 15:00 | H | BIRMINGHAM CITY                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>JANUARY 2013</b>   |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 1                 | 15:00 | A | LEEDS UNITED                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 5                 |       |   | FA CUP ROUND THREE             |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| WED 9                 |       |   | CAPITAL ONE CUP SEMI-FINAL ONE |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 12                | 15:00 | H | MILLWALL                       |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 19                | 15:00 | A | CRYSTAL PALACE                 |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| WED 23                |       |   | CAPITAL ONE CUP SEMI-FINAL TWO |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 26                | 15:00 | H | PETERBOROUGH UNITED            |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 26                |       |   | FA CUP ROUND FOUR              |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2013</b>  |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 2                 | 15:00 | A | WATFORD                        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 9                 | 15:00 | H | BURNLEY                        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 16                | 15:00 | A | NOTTINGHAM FOREST              |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 16                |       |   | FA CUP ROUND FIVE              |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 19                | 19:45 | A | DERBY COUNTY                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 23                | 15:00 | H | HULL CITY                      |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SUN 24                |       |   | CAPITAL ONE CUP FINAL          |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>MARCH 2013</b>     |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 2                 | 15:00 | A | BARNLEY                        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 5                 | 20:00 | H | BLACKBURN ROVERS               |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 9                 | 15:00 | H | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION         |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 9                 |       |   | FA CUP ROUND SIX               |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 16                | 15:00 | A | IPSWICH TOWN                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 30                | 15:00 | A | CHARLTON ATHLETIC              |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>APRIL 2013</b>     |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| MON 1                 | 15:00 | H | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN              |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 6                 | 15:00 | H | WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 13                | 15:00 | A | BRISTOL CITY                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 13                |       |   | FA CUP ROUND SEMI-FINAL        |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| TUE 16                | 19:45 | A | LEICESTER CITY                 |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 20                | 15:00 | H | MIDDLESBROUGH                  |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 27                | 15:00 | A | CARDIFF CITY                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| <b>MAY 2013</b>       |       |   |                                |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 4                 | 15:00 | H | BLACKPOOL                      |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |
| SAT 11                |       |   | FA CUP FINAL                   |        |   |   |             |       |        |      |          |         |  |  |

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## THE GROUNDS



### Ashton Gate

Wanderers are set to play their first game at Ashton Gate in 15 years when they travel to play Bristol City in the final weeks of the season on Saturday 13 April. The last time Bolton were there, Colin Todd was in charge, back in October 1998. After going 1-0 up through Arnar Gunnlaugsson's goal early on, the Robins hit back through strikes from Ade Akinbiyi and Mickey Bell to win the game 2-1.

### Anfield

Anfield has been a regular away-day for Bolton in recent years, and all Wanderers fans will be hoping that they will once again get the opportunity to go there next season in 2013/14. Although results have not gone in Wanderers' favour on the red half of Merseyside over the last decade, supporters will always recall the FA Cup win at Anfield in 1993 when goals from John McGinlay and Andy Walker sent the Whites on their way to a famous giant-killing.



### Allianz Arena

Bolton have only made one visit to the Allianz Arena – but what a trip it was! In the 2007/08 season, during the club's UEFA Cup adventure, Wanderers were pitted against Bayern Munich during the group stage. Ricardo Gardner and Kevin Davies ensured a memorable 2-2 draw, a result made better considering they were trailing with ten minutes left.



## A IS ALSO FOR...

### Assistant Manager

Wanderers' current assistant manager is Sandy Stewart, who joined the club at the same time as boss Owen Coyle in January 2010. Past assistant managers at Bolton include Sammy Lee, Phil Brown and Colin Todd.



### Artificial Surface

Believe it or not, the playing surface at the Reebok Stadium is actually three percent artificial. The Desso Grassmaster system, which helps improve the quality of the pitch all year round, was installed at the Reebok five years ago.





## THE PLAYERS

### Ali Al-Habsi

The Oman international, who joined from Lyn Oslo in 2006, never established himself as first choice at the Reebok Stadium due to the longevity and form of Jussi Jaaskelainen. Al-Habsi did, however, get a run of games towards the end of the 2007/08 season, with his performances helping the club battle against the drop. Having played a total of 18 matches in all competitions, he left to join Wigan in the summer of 2010, initially on loan.

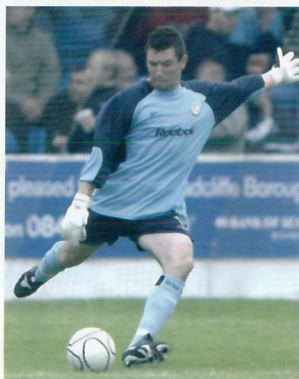


### Nicolas Anelka



### Sam Ashton

Another goalkeeper on the fringes of the first team squad during his time with Bolton, Sam Ashton played just one game for the club. This solitary appearance, in the 2006/07 season, came about in bizarre fashion as he was used as an outfield player for the final minutes of Bolton's 3-0 FA Cup third round win at Watford. Ashton later played for FC United and Skelmersdale before joining Southport this summer.



The much-travelled striker added Bolton Wanderers to his list of employers in 2006 when he joined from Fenerbahce for a fee of £8million. The Frenchman had represented Arsenal, Paris St Germain and Real Madrid prior to his year-and-a-half stay at the Reebok, where he scored 23 goals in 58 games. After later joining Chelsea, the 33-year-old moved to China earlier in the year to sign for Shanghai Shenhua.

### Attendance

The record attendance at the Reebok Stadium is 28,353 which was against Leicester City in December 2003. The record gate at Bolton's old ground, Burnden Park, is 69,912 for a FA Cup fifth round tie against Manchester City in February 1933.



### Attacking Midfielders

Who has been your favourite attacking midfielder in recent years? The flamboyant Jay-Jay Okocha, World Cup winner Youri Djorkaeff, the diminutive Mark Davies or even the free-kick specialist Per Frandsen?







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## PLAYER STATISTICS

| PLAYER             | LEAGUE | LEAGUE CUP | FA CUP | TOTAL | PLAYER                | LEAGUE | LEAGUE CUP | FA CUP | TOTAL |
|--------------------|--------|------------|--------|-------|-----------------------|--------|------------|--------|-------|
| 01 ADAM BOGDAN     | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 21 DARREN PRATLEY     | 0(1)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(1)0 |
| 02 TYRONE MEARS    | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 22 STUART HOLDEN      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 03 MARCOS ALONSO   | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 | 23 JOE RILEY          | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 04 MATT MILLS      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 | 24 ANDY LONERGAN      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 05 TIM REAM        | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 25 JOSHUA VELA        | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 07 CHRIS EAGLES    | 0(1)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(1)0 | 26 ROB LAINTON        | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 08 KEITH ANDREWS   | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 27 CHUNG-YONG LEE     | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 |
| 09 DAVID NGOG      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 | 30 MICHAEL O'HALLORAN | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 10 MARTIN PETROV   | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 31 DAVID WHEATER      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 11 GREGG WYLDE     | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 | 32 TOM EAVES          | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 12 ZAT KNIGHT      | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 33 ADAM BLAKEMAN      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 14 KEVIN DAVIES    | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 35 JOE MCKEE          | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 16 MARK DAVIES     | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 37 JACK SAMPSON       | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 17 BENIK AFUBE     | 0(1)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(1)0 | 38 SANMI ODELUSI      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 18 SAMUEL RICKETTS | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 39 ALEX MCQUADE       | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |
| 19 MARVIN SORDELL  | 1(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 1(0)0 | 43 JAY LYNCH          | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0      | 0(0)0  | 0(0)0 |

STARTS (SUBS) GOALS





# JACK DEARDEN

THE BBC RADIO MANCHESTER COMMENTATOR CONTINUES  
HIS COLUMN IN THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



**First of all I'd just like to say welcome back to everyone. I hope you all enjoyed reading my column here in the programme last season and that you will do so again over the next nine months or so.**

It's great to be starting the football season on the back of a wonderful two-and-a-half weeks that we had with the Olympics.

The most encouraging thing from London – and I hope that it carries over to the Paralympics too – is the way that the whole nation completely supported the cause. Without doubt it was the best Olympics that I can ever recall, and that's coming from a man who has just turned 60!

As for my favourite events, I particularly enjoyed the slalom canoeing and the dressage. Like a lot of other people, I found myself gripped to sports I would never normally watch. I think that has been the case with the whole country – everyone bought into hosting the Olympics.



If I were to name a British athlete of the Games, I would probably have to say Bradley Wiggins. To do what he did, winning a gold medal after his efforts at the Tour de France, is phenomenal. What the cyclists go through in the Tour de France is beyond belief. After watching that, never again will I subscribe to the theory that footballers shouldn't play two games in the space of a week.

Also, Mo Farah deserves all the plaudits for his achievements in winning the 10,000 metres and then following it up with 5,000 metres gold a week later. But there have been so many success stories, it's just been great.



I'll tell you something, it's going to be very interesting when it comes to the BBC Sports Personality of the Year in December. How can anyone choose who the winner is going to be when we have had so many successful sports men and women in these Games?

As far as the football is concerned, we all go again. Of course there was disappointment last season but you cannot allow yourself to dwell on that – it's been and it's happened. Three clubs had to be relegated from the Premier League last season and three clubs will be relegated this season. That's life and, unfortunately, Bolton Wanderers were one of those clubs.

Now there's a new challenge for all concerned. There have been changes within the squad, like the manager and chairman indicated there would be, and now it's all about regathering, getting some momentum and moving forward.

A few people have asked me – be it over text, tweet or email – about BBC Radio Manchester's commitment to Bolton Wanderers this season. I'd like to put the record straight and say that it will be no different from the last 11 years. We will be providing commentary and coverage on every game.

As for the broadcast team on BBC Radio Manchester this evening, I will have Phil Brown alongside me commentating on two of his former clubs. Hopefully some of you will have listened in on Saturday too when John McGinlay made his debut for us in the press box at Turf Moor.

This comes about after my co-commentator for so many years, Alan Gowling, decided it was time to move on and do other things. In the 11 years we had working together, we had some fun times and retained our sense of humour during our commentaries, and I'd like to place on record my thanks to him for that.

Thanks for reading, Jack.





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2 JOHN BRAYFORD

3 GARETH ROBERTS

4 CRAIG BRYSON

5 JAKE BUXTON

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7 PAUL COUTTS

8 JEFF HENDRICK

9 NATHAN TYSON

10 JAMIE WARD

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13 ADAM LEGZDINS

14 CONOR DOYLE

15 MARK O'BRIEN

16 JAMES O'CONNOR

17 TOM NAYLOR

18 BEN DAVIES

19 WILL HUGHES

20 MASON BENNETT

28 JOSH LELAN

29 STEVE DAVIES

30 SAUL DEENEY

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### REFEREE

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WILLIAM SMALLWOOD,  
SEBASTIAN STOCKBRIDGE

### FOURTH OFFICIAL

RICHARD BARTLETT

## NEXT FIVE GAMES...

Fri 24 Aug - Bolton Wanderers v Nottingham Forest (7.45pm)

Tue 28 Aug - Crawley Town v Bolton Wanderers (7.45pm - Capital One Cup)

Sat 1 Sep - Hull City v Bolton Wanderers (3pm)

Sat 15 Sep - Bolton Wanderers v Watford (3pm)

Tue 18 Sep - Birmingham City v Bolton Wanderers (7.45pm)

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